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Conservation Commission Minutes 04/05/2007

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2007

Mr. Stevens, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were David White, Judith Hodges, William O'Rourke, Timothy Sullivan, and Chuck Tirone of the Commission. Catherine Garnett and Ellen Reed, of the Commission, were not in attendance. Clarissa Rowe, of Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park and Board of Selectmen, was present.

7:30 pm - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Mr. Stevens presented a request from John Maher, Town Counsel, to support Warrant Article 70 regarding voting after missing one of a series of meetings, dependent upon reading the minutes and evidence submitted. White/O'Rourke motioned to support the article; motion passed unanimously.

Hodges/Sullivan motioned to approve the 2/15 and 3/15 minutes with minor edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Rourke presented his comment letter regarding the Aberjona River SDEIR due to MEPA on April 6. Mr. Sullivan recused himself from the discussion, as he is an employee of the consultant firm for the applicant on that project.

7:45pm- EXTENSION to the ORDER OF CONDITIONS – aquatic weed control in Hills Pond at Menotomy Rocks Park, DEP File Number 91-152

Ms. Rowe presented the details provided by the contractor, Aquatic Control Technology, Inc, the same contractor from the previous years of work. It is anticipated that most of the treatments will be spot treatments, alum treatments and an algacide, such as K-Tea. The licensing and notifications are submitted directly to the state and notices are placed around the pond during treatments to limit exposure to pets and people.

Ms. Beckwith specified that the applicant obtain explicit approval from the Commission for any whole pond Sonar treatments.

Sullivan/Hodges motioned to approve the extension for three more years; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rowe reported that the winter moth infestation is affecting oaks in the Park (mainly in the higher portions away from Hills Pond) and that the Friends are investigating treatment options.

Ms. Rowe participated in discussion of cemetery space at Mt. Pleasant cemetery and any other potential spots in town.

COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

Ms. Hodges reported on a site walk to the conservation land parcel on Park Ave. She found a trailer hitch on the parcel and removed it herself. Mr. White proposed installing a Conservation Land sign on the parcel.

Ms. Beckwith brought a copy of a new Invasive Plants booklet printed by Dept of Fisheries and Wildlife. The Commission asked if we could obtain more copies of this for Town Day.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Corinna Beckwith
 Administrator